

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~decorative~~ versatile and fully functional fencing system for secure outdoor installation comprising:

at least one stake ~~adapted~~ configured to be driven into the ground, said stake including a hollow stake sleeve, said stake sleeve having a substantially flat upper surface;

at least one post, said post ~~being adapted~~ being complementary in cross-sectional shape to said hollow stake sleeve to thereby permit said post to be slidably inserted within and retained by said stake sleeve; and

at least one structural fencing component including at least one post attachment ~~means~~ collar disposed on an edge thereof, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar having a substantially flat lower surface to permit said post attachment ~~means~~ collar to sit upon said upper surface of said stake sleeve and be retained thereon by means of gravity, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar further ~~being adapted~~ having an opening therethrough of a size and shape complementary to said post so as to permit said fencing component to be slidably attached to and engaged by said post to thereby connect adjacent structural fencing components to each other while allowing said fencing components to be rotationally adjusted relative to said post.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 1, wherein said structural fencing component is selected from the group consisting of base units, gate units and end units.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 2, wherein said base units include a vertical element on either side thereof, and wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 3, wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of both of said vertical elements.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 2, wherein said gate units comprise a pair of complementary doors each having an outside edge, wherein said outside edges terminate in a vertical element and wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 5, wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars comprise a pair of post hinges disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical elements, said post hinges including a post ring and a hinge element to allow said complementary doors to open and close.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 2, wherein said end units include a vertical element on one side thereof and wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars are disposed on said vertical elements.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 7, wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collars comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical element.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 8, wherein said end unit further includes a stake pin disposed on the side opposite said vertical element, said stake pin being adapted to being inserted into the ground so as to anchor said end unit in position.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 1, wherein said posts and said structural components further include decorative accents.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 1, wherein said structural components and said posts are manufactured from tubular steel.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components are welded in assembly.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components and said posts are covered with a powder coated finish.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 11, wherein said structural components, said posts and said stakes are removably attached to each other by frictional contact therebetween.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~decorative~~ fencing system of claim 11, wherein said stake is wedge-shaped, and said stake sleeve comprises a cylindrical cavity therein.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~decorative~~ versatile and fully functional fencing system for secure outdoor installation comprising:

at least one wedge-shaped stake ~~adapted~~ configured to be driven into the ground, said stake including a stake sleeve comprising a cylindrical cavity within said stake, said stake sleeve having a substantially flat upper surface;

at least one cylindrical post, said post ~~being adapted~~ being complementary in cross-sectional shape to said hollow stake sleeve to thereby permit said post to be slidably inserted within and retained by said stake sleeve by means of frictional contact therebetween; and

at least one structural fencing component including at least one post attachment ~~means~~ collar disposed on an edge thereof, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar having a substantially flat lower surface to permit said post attachment ~~means~~ collar to sit upon said upper surface of said stake sleeve and be retained thereon by means of gravity, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar further ~~being adapted~~ having an opening therethrough of a size and shape complementary to said post so as to permit said fencing component to be slidably attached to and engaged by said post to thereby connect adjacent structural fencing components to each other while allowing said fencing components to be rotationally adjusted relative to said post, said structural fencing component being chosen from the group consisting of base units, gate units and end units, wherein:

said base units include a vertical element on either side thereof, and wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collar comprises a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of both of said vertical elements;

said gate units comprise a pair of complementary doors each having an outside edge, wherein said outside edges terminate in a vertical element and wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collar comprise a pair of post hinges disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical elements, said post hinges including a post ring and a hinge element to allow said complementary doors to open and close; and

said end units include a vertical element on one side thereof, wherein said post attachment ~~means~~ collar comprise a pair of post rings disposed at the top and bottom of said vertical element, and further wherein said end unit further includes a stake pin disposed on the side opposite said vertical element, said stake pin being adapted to being inserted into the ground so as to anchor said end unit in position.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a customizable fence ~~decorative fencing~~, said method comprising the steps of:
providing a ~~decorative~~ versatile and fully functional fencing system for secure outdoor installation comprising:

at least one stake ~~adapted~~ configured to be driven into the ground, said stake including a stake sleeve, said stake sleeve having a substantially flat upper surface;

at least one post, said post ~~being adapted~~ being complementary in cross-sectional shape to said hollow stake sleeve to thereby permit said post to be slidably inserted within and retained by said stake sleeve; and

at least one structural fencing component including at least one post attachment ~~means~~ collar disposed on an edge thereof, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar having a substantially flat lower surface to permit said post attachment ~~means~~ collar to sit upon said upper surface of said stake sleeve and be retained thereon by means of gravity, said post attachment ~~means~~ collar further ~~being adapted~~ having an opening therethrough of a size and shape complementary to said post so as to permit said fencing component to be slidably attached to and engaged by said post to thereby connect adjacent structural fencing components to each other while allowing said fencing components to be rotationally adjusted relative to said post;

driving said stake into the ground;

positioning said at least one structural component over said stake; and

inserting said post through said post attachment ~~means~~ collar on said structural component and into said stake sleeve so as to be frictionally engaged thereby.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17 ~~18~~, wherein said structural fencing components are chosen from the group consisting of base units, gate units and end units, further including the step of repeating the process of driving said stakes, positioning said structural components and inserting said rod so as to create the desired combination of base units, gate units and end units.

19. (NEW) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of positioning and driving a plurality of stakes into the ground, positioning structural components on said stakes, and inserting posts through said post attachment collars and said sleeves.

20. (NEW) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of customizing and adjusting said fence by removing one or more of said posts, rotating said structural components so as to reveal said stake, and moving said stake.